

TISA

Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement

Fast-Growth Funds Training Module



Objectives

- Fast-Growth Overview
- Fast-Growth Stipends
- Infrastructure Stipends
- Calculation of Infrastructure Stipends
- Timing & Funding



Fast-Growth Overview

Provide districts with additional funds within the school year to account for growth:

- Fast-Growth Stipends
 - Focus on student population and needs growth from one year to the next
- Infrastructure Stipends
 - Focus on districts experiencing consistently high rates of growth over a three-year period



Fast-Growth Stipends

- Based on a comparison between:
 - Actual TISA allocations (based on prior year data) and
 - Growth comparison allocations which run current year student data through the TISA formula
- Factors in only the base, weights, and direct funding lines
- Only includes non-virtual students in counts
- Measured at 5 points throughout the year



Fast-Growth Stipends *Continued*

Eligibility

- Districts with an increase between actual TISA allocation and the growth comparison allocation of over **1.25%** are eligible

Calculation

1. Determine excess funding over 1.25% eligibility threshold
2. Calculate state portion of excess funding



Fast-Growth Stipends *Continued*

Step 1 – Determine Excess Funding Over 1.25%

Sample District		
	TISA Allocation	Growth Comparison Allocation
Base	\$10,000,000	\$10,350,000
Weights	\$2,500,000	\$2,600,000
Direct	\$1,500,000	\$1,650,000
TOTAL	\$14,000,000	\$14,600,000
Full % Increase	4.29%	
Excess Over 1.25% Threshold	4.29% - 1.25% = 3.04%	
Excess \$ Over Threshold	3.04% x \$14,000,000 = \$425,000	

Fast-Growth Stipends *Continued*

Step 2 – Calculate State Portion

TISA State & Local Contributions				
4. Total Local Contribution				
Adding Local Contribution Totals		\$2,300,000	+	\$700,000
			=	\$3,000,000
		Total Funding (Base, Weights, Direct)		\$14,000,000
		Local	-	\$3,000,000
		State	=	\$11,000,000

- State Portion:
 $\$11,000,000 / \$14,000,000 = 78.57\%$
- State Portion of Excess Funds:
 $78.57\% \times \$425,000 = \$333,929$

The initial amount of the fast-growth stipend for Sample District is \$333,929.

Infrastructure Stipends

- Subset of fast-growth funds designed to support districts with sustained growth over a three-year period
- Provided only if there are available funds remaining in the state budget after paying out the fast-growth stipends
- For the 2023-24 school year, the state budget provides up to \$10 million for infrastructure stipends



Infrastructure Stipends *Continued*

Eligibility

- Districts with an increase in average daily membership (ADM) of non-virtual students over 2% in each of the prior 3 school years

Calculation

1. Determine excess ADMs over 2% eligibility threshold from current year to prior year
2. Calculate district's proportion of all growth ADMs statewide from Step 1
3. Multiply district proportion by available funds in state budget



Infrastructure Stipends *Continued*

Eligibility & Step 1 – Determine Excess ADMs Over 2%

Sample District				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Non-Virtual ADMs	1,000	1,025	1,150	1,300
Growth % From Prior Year	-	2.5%	4.5%	13%
Above 2%?		Yes	Yes	Yes

- Eligibility:
District has three consistent years of growth of over 2%
- Excess ADMs:
 $13\% - 2\% = 11\%$
 $11\% \times 1,150 = 126.5$ ADMs

Infrastructure Stipends *Continued*

Step 2 – Calculate district's proportion of all growth ADMs statewide

- Sample statewide count of growth ADMs: 2,500
- $126.5 / 2,500 = 5.06\%$
- District's growth makes up 5.06% of all eligible growth for infrastructure stipends

Step 3 - Multiply district proportion by available funds in state budget

- $5.06\% \times \$10,000,000 = \$506,000$
- District is eligible for \$506,000 in infrastructure stipend funds

Note: The total budget available for infrastructure stipends is dependent on the amount already allocated to fast-growth stipends.

Timing & Funding

Fast-Growth Stipends:

- Five payments throughout the year
- Final payment as a true-up to account for the final students served
- Pro-rated if the statewide total exceeds the budget
- Growth threshold may be lowered if statewide total is less than budget

Infrastructure Stipends:

- Payment made once a year in October
- Represents the prior year's calculations after all fast-growth stipends are paid out



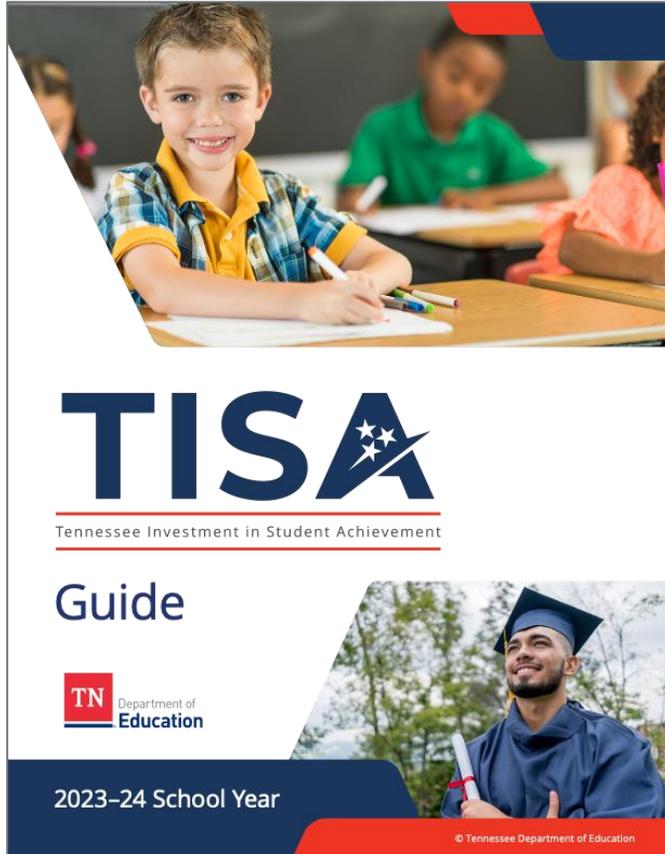
***Both fast-growth stipends
and infrastructure stipends
are 100% state funded***

Putting It All Together

- Support for districts facing demands of rapid growth
- Fast-growth stipends provide support for growing student populations and needs as reflected in the TISA formula comparison
- Infrastructure stipends provide support for sustained growth over time
- Both provide additional flexible funds on top of TISA allocations to respond to evolving needs within the year



More Information



<https://www.tn.gov/education/best-for-all/tnedufunding.html>

- Fast-Growth Funds Quick Guide
- TISA Rules – Fast-Growth Funding

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